



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	
Oscar Lee AVANT et al.	Group Art Unit: 3653
Application No.: 09/652,709	Examiner: Joseph C. Rodriguez
Filed: August 31, 2000	) )
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AND PROCESSING MAIL USING AN IDENTIFICATION CODE	Confirmation No.: 3489
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450	

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 8, 2004, the period for response having been extended to April 8, 2005 by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants file herewith a Request for Continued Examination to submit this Amendment. Accordingly, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.